

Hello All,

We made it through the Pentateuch and are entering the time of Joshua and Judges. You will find the link to this week's video here: <https://bit.ly/3D1UDtO>

**Optional Reading:**

Read or listen to Joshua 1–11 and 23–24

Read or listen to Judges 1–5 and 19–21.

- These books have different views of how successful the Israelites were when they entered the land. How would you explain the differences?
- Do questions pop up for you?
- Are there parts that are hard to read? Why?
- So many changes are happening in Israelite culture in these books! What do you notice?

Read or listen to Ruth.

- In what ways does Ruth seem similar and dissimilar to Joshua and Judges?

**Additional Resources:**

1. Ellen Davis [Reading Israel's Scriptures](#) is fantastic. This is the book I quote from in this video.
2. I highly recommend Dr. Lawson Stone's material on both Joshua and Judges. He talked with me about it on two podcast episode titled "What Violence in the Old Testament?" found [HERE](#) and "Why the Conquest is not a Conquest" found [HERE](#).
3. An old talk of mine that contextualizes the book of Ruth can be found as the first sermon on a list [HERE](#).